



Integrated Comprehensive Planning for Range Sustainability

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Support Military Mission



Range Sustainability & Planning



Range Sustainability – Integrated Comprehensive Planning

- DOD initiative: compatible land use perspectives & opportunities
- New legislative authorities
- Existing planning tools (NEPA, INRMPs)
- New planning tools (e.g., State wildlife plans)
- South Texas natural resources partnering team - Navy example



New Legislative Authorities

DOD

- Section 2811 – FY 03 NDAA
- Section 308 - FY 04 NDAA & Sikes Act

USFWS

- Grants – Fish & Wildlife Conservation
- Grants - Endangered Species Conservation & planning
- Conservation Banking
- ESA planning – Critical Habitat exclusion for military ranges & bases w/ species benefit in INRMP
- Proposed Migratory Bird Permit for Military Ranges

States

- State Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Plans
- FWS grants to States w/ SCWC Plans



Range Sustainability – Integrated Comprehensive Planning?



Landscape Level - Ecosystems

- Within the military fenceline
- Outside the fenceline
- Local communities, Federal, State, Tribal & private lands
- Air Space
- White Space
- Lands, water, air
- Open space

Partners & Stakeholders

DOD Programs to Enhance Range Sustainability

- Prepare sustainability management plans for major ranges
- Develop real property alternatives to “buffer” training ranges
- Improve internal policies and guidance, including directives on outreach & community involvement
- Working outside the fence – better coordination and outreach efforts, working with stakeholders, and improving communications with agencies, states, localities, tribes and NGOs
- Work more closely with other federal land owners

State Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Plans



- Congress – FY 01: all States must develop & implement plans by FY 06, with Federal agencies & other partners
- No funding w/out partner-driven plan
- Increased potential for conserving T&E species & other species in need
- Share responsibility with all partners across landscape (white space)
- 8 critical elements identified by Congress
- USFWS adopted critical elements in funding approved state plans
- National blueprint for wildlife conservation



- Demonstrates value of interagency team & partnership
- Promotes integration of Operational Mission & natural resource management
- Strengthens Navy stewardship goals & enhances cooperative efforts w/ State & Federal wildlife agencies
- Provides an opportunity to interact & partner with other interested parties & stakeholders

Partnering Advantages



- Maximum Leverage of Resources
- Reduced Controversy Over Decisions
- Distributed Risk
- Carry-over benefits to Other Needs



What Works to Support Range Sustainability



- Partnerships with military installations
- Working with partners outside the fence
 - ** Landscape – share the resources and the responsibilities
 - ** Ecosystems
 - ** White space
- DOD buffer lands to MOPs to Multi-Range Corridors to State Assessments